REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-21 are pending in the application. All claims are subject restriction and election requirements. The Applicant has made a provisional election with traverse. Claim 17 has been amended to conform it to the present provisional election.

The Examiner is requested to indicate that the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on January 19, 2004 has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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